

House Resolution 31 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

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1 A Resolution recognizing the importance of soils to
2 Iowa's future prosperity and healthy environment.

3 WHEREAS, soils are a preeminent natural resource
4 that supports major economic sectors of our state,
5 including agriculture, energy, forestry, and
6 recreation; and

7 WHEREAS, healthy soils filter, store, and cycle
8 nutrients, support biological activity and diversity,
9 and filter, buffer, degrade, and immobilize organic and
10 inorganic contaminants; and

11 WHEREAS, soil management is closely linked to the
12 quality of our subsurface and surface waters, including
13 groundwater sources, lakes, ponds, streams, and
14 rivers; and

15 WHEREAS, soil is a vital ecosystem that provides
16 keys to scientific advances that directly affect human
17 health such as the development of new medicines and
18 technologies; and

19 WHEREAS, soils are renewable only on the scale of
20 geologic time; and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa's future prosperity and well-being
22 depend upon this precious resource; and

23 WHEREAS, the Soil Science Society of America and
24 many other organizations are celebrating the 2015
25 International Year of Soils; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

1 That the House of Representatives recognizes the
2 essential role of Iowa soils in supporting a thriving
3 Iowa economy and healthy environment and ensuring a
4 sustainable and productive future for the people of the
5 State of Iowa.